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## (57) Abstract

Compositions inhibiting smooth muscle proliferation which contain as the active ingredient a fat tissue-specific secretion factor apM1; compositions inhibiting the expression of adhesion molecules in vascular endothelial cells; a method for the diagnosis of arteriosclerosis which comprises assaying apM1 in specimens; an antibody against apM1; and kits for the diagnosis of arteriosclerosis which contain as the active ingredient the above antibody. Thus, there have been clarified obesity-related genes and expression products thereof which are useful in disclosing the causes of various diseases in association with obesity, in particular, arteriosclerosis such as angina pectoris and myocardial infarct, and establishing therapeutic techniques therefor, which brings about the establishment of techniques for treating and diagnosing various diseases.